

Orange A-Peel

Juice up your summer services with products that exude the revitalizing power of citrus.

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You can practically hear the fizz when you crack open a bottle of **Hot Pop Orange** or **Hot Pop Yellow**, two nail enamel colors from Creative Nail Design. Use one or both of these vivid shades to provide your clients with a fresh look that will last through summer picnics and barbecues. **800/833-NAIL**, www.creativenaildesign.com.

Bring a flash of orange (a hot color on this season's runways) to your clients' enhancements with the **Juicy Orange** powder from the NSI Technailcolor line. Tips tinged with orange will certainly burst with style for summer. **800/354-6741**, www.nsnails.com.

Concentrate your efforts on clients' feet with the LCN **Concept Foot Citrus** line. Lime and lemongrass in Citrus Foot Bath Crystals invigorate tired tootsies, while new Citrus Fresh Up Spray moisturizes with a simple spritz of lemon oil and linoleic acid. As a final step, Citrus Foot Cream utilizes avocado, lemongrass and lemon oils to render skin soft and supple. **800/86-NAILS**, www.lcnusa.com.

There's a reason why lemonade stands pop up every summer, and why a tall glass of orange juice is a perfect way to kick off the day—there's something about citrus that is just so refreshing. Maybe it's the natural acids contained in citrus fruit that strip away our dullest layers or the sublimely sweet flavor of their juices. Whatever the reason, nailcare manufacturers have bottled up the essences of orange, lemon, lime, tangerine and grapefruit by the crateful, yielding a crop of products so tart and delicious that they're sure to awaken your clients from the doldrums of winter, rescue ragged skin and nails and launch them into the brighter days of summer. Check out the following pages for a citrus-infused sampling of products, but remember—Dixie cups and cardboard signs are not included.

Slanted Tweezer With Velvet-Soft Touch Grip from Esthetic Plus offers a smooth, comfortable grip. The stainless steel implement also comes with a lifetime guarantee and free sharpening services. **877/643-7900**, www.estheticplus.com.

The Art of Beauty Company makes lime lavish with its Qtica Smart Spa **Lime Zest Sugar Scrub** and **Lime Zest Luxury Lotion**. After using a small amount of the sugar crystal-infused scrub to exfoliate clients' hands and feet, seal in moisture with the long-lasting lotion, which also delivers relaxing aromatherapy. **800/659-6909**, www.qtica.com.



The simple addition of **Aqua Leaves** in Tuscan Citrus Herb from Cuccio Naturalé instantly increases any pedicure bath's luxe factor. The various leaves moisturize, cleanse and soften with the aid of kinetin, lemongrass and white tea tree oil to relax and soothe your clients' feet. **800/762-6245, www.cuccionaturale.com.**

Add zest to your services with the Orly International **Citrus Sugar Fix**, a moisturizing scrub for hands and feet. The company has infused its original brown sugar mix with shots of mandarin orange, grapefruit and key lime for a pampering treatment that'll leave skin soft and younger looking. **800/275-1111, www.orybeauty.com.**

All Season Naturals takes a cue from commercial cleaners and turns to the purging power of lemon with **Skin Lightening Elixir**. Lemon oil teams up with kojic acid to even out skin tone and remove age spots and discolorations. Great for retail, the dropper bottle is easy to use—simply apply a drop of the elixir where needed, rub it in and repeat once every day. **888/762-6245, www.allseasonnails.com.**



Combine sweet tangerine with a sliver of spicy ginger, and you'll have the tantalizing tangerine-ginger scent featured in a line of Pinnacle nailcare products from FPO. **Gotta Dew Moisturizing Hand Soap** rids hands of germs before services; **Mountain Oil Nail & Cuticle Treatment** protects the nail bed and cuticles; and **Dew Luscious Hand & Body Care Lotion With Advanced Moisture Complex** provides the ultimate in moisturization. **888/544-8214, www.fpoproducts.com.**

Orly International **Refreshing Citrus Pedicure Soak** combines Dead Sea salts with honeydew melon, orange and grapefruit to create a refreshing additive to your pedicure tub. Add two heaping tablespoons of the salts to water for a relaxing 10-minute soak with a wonderfully fruity scent. **800/275-1111, www.orybeauty.com.**

Quench your clients' thirst for pretty summer nail color with **Pink Lemonade** polish from Essie Cosmetics, or get a little bolder with the powerful punch of **Tangerine**. Both polishes feature the company's trademark strong, durable formula. **800/232-1155, www.essie.com.**

Unearth fresh, revitalized skin with the **Lemon Sugar Scrub** from LCN. Lemon oil and organic sugar crystals join up with macadamia nut and almond oils to cleanse and lighten the skin while locking in moisture. **800/86-NAILS, www.lcnusa.com.**

Add some citrus-tinged sparkle to clients' nails with **Orange** and **Sunset Blvd.**, two polishes from NYX LA. While the former color lives up to its name, the latter delivers a softer amber with a slight shimmer. **866/NYX-1004, www.nyxcosmetics.com.**

Just as hot tea with lemon soothes a sore throat, the **Citrus & Green Tea Creative Scentsations Hand & Body Wash** and **Hand & Body Lotion** from Creative Nail Design will serve as a salve to heal dry, damaged skin. The combination delivers a soothing aroma that will also relax a stressed mind. **800/833-NAIL, www.creativenaildesign.com.**

Bio Creative Labs offers a veritable fruit cocktail with its four-step **Mani Sation** line, which contains a variety of citrus ingredients—and all of their nutrients. Hand Wash, Hand Exfoliant, Hand Masque and Hand Lotion work together with the essences of orange, tangerine, grapefruit, lemon and lime to ensure that clients leave the salon with invigorated, fragrant skin. **877/909-7334, www.manisation.com.**

Pure isopropyl alcohol in **NSI Sanitize** antiseptic spray will clean and prepare your station for full disinfection and sterilization, while the crisp citrus scent serves as a lingering, pleasant reminder of your germ-free routine. **800/354-6741, www.nsnails.com.**

Sally Hansen concentrated the color of a whole grove of oranges in its Salon Nail Lacquer shade **Orange You Cute?** The polish features the strengthening, fast-drying qualities of Sally Hansen lacquers, and guarantees fresh, eye-popping nails. **800/645-4646, www.sallyhansen.com.**

Plant the seeds for stronger nails and healthy cuticles with **Orange Cuticle Oil** from China Glaze. The mixture of jojoba, rice bran, and vitamins A, C and E bolsters the nails, while botanical extracts work as natural soothing and antiseptic agents. **323/728-2999, www.chinaglaze.com.**